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TRANSPORTATION SPENDING BILL INCLUDES \$1.4 MILLION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that the 2002 spending bill for the U.S. Department of Transportation includes \$1.4 million for projects in Sullivan County. The projects were among several Hinchey placed in the Transportation Appropriations bill, which was passed by the full Appropriations Committee today. Hinchey is a member of the committee.

"I am gratified that the Transportation Appropriations bill includes funding for my priority requests," said Hinchey. "Sullivan County has limited resources with which to support an extensive public transit system so these improvements would not be possible without federal assistance."

The spending bill contains \$1 million for Countywide Coordinated Public Transportation Services. The funding will help Sullivan County to purchase buses, infrastructure and facilities for new public transportation services throughout Sullivan County. The improvements will help the County meet the transportation needs of people with disabilities and those participating in Welfare-to-Work and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families programs.

Hinchey also succeeded in placing \$400,000 in the bill for Sullivan County through the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute program. This initiative will allow increased transit service in an area with a high concentration of welfare recipients and low-income individuals.

"Enhancing our transportation services is vital to the County's economic development efforts," said Sullivan County Manager Dan Briggs. "Congressman Hinchey has worked hard to help meet the needs of Sullivan County and we appreciate it."

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